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Sullivan Disagrees with Supreme Court Ruling on Texas Sodomy Law

Oklahoma one of four states with laws prohibiting sex between same-sex couples

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the United States Supreme Court struck down a Texas law against sodomy. The Court ruled 6-3 against the law because it violated due process guarantees. Two men who were caught by police engaging in an illegal sex act in their home brought the case.

“I disagree with the Supreme Court’s ruling today,” said Sullivan. “Behavior that occurs in private doesn't mean the public doesn't have a stake in it at all. Public health and morality have a place in our society. Why shouldn't that be reflected in our laws? I believe states and local communities should be able to choose their own standards.”

Oklahoma is one of four states with laws banning sex between same-sex couples. The Court's decision reversed their own 1986 ruling that states could prosecute homosexuals for deviant sex.

Justice Kennedy wrote the majority opinion and was joined by Justices Stevens, Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer. Justice O'Connor agreed with the outcome but not the rationale for the decision.

Dissenting were Justices Rehnquist, Thomas, and Scalia.

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